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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 14, 22, 25, and 28 are amended. Claims 15-19 are cancelled. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently amended). An animal feed additive comprising

- (a) at least one acid-stable protease ~~that has an which comprises the amino acid sequence of that has an identity of at least 70%~~ to SEQ ID NO: 1; and
- (b) one or more of fat-soluble vitamins, water-soluble vitamins, and/or trace minerals, and/or macro minerals.

Claims 15-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Previously amended). The animal feed additive of claim 14, which further comprises galactanase, beta-glucanase, phytase, and/or xylanase.

Claim 22 (Currently amended). An animal feed composition, comprising a crude protein content of 50-800 g/kg and at least one acid-stable protease ~~that has an which comprises the amino acid sequence of that has an identity of at least 70%~~ to SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 23 (Previously added). The animal feed composition of claim 22, wherein the amount of the protease is 0.01-200 mg protease protein per kg feed.

Claim 24 (Previously added). The animal feed composition of claim 22, wherein the protease has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 25 (Currently amended). A method for improving the nutritional value of an animal feed, comprising adding an animal feed composition of claim 22 to the animal feed at least one acid-stable protease that comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 26 (Previously added). The method of claim 25, wherein the dosage of the protease is 0.01-200 mg protease enzyme protein per kg animal feed.